



Pacific Southwest REGION

USDA Forest Service · Motorized Recreation

Report to California State Parks OHV Commission September 25, 2015 Mammoth Lakes, CA

Presentation

Inyo National Forest Welcome – Ed Armenta, Forest Supervisor

Inyo Trail System (Inyo National Forest, Marty Hornick) (15 minutes)

OHV opportunities in the Pacific Southwest Region (Region 5) (5 minutes)

Trails Connect Meeting – OHV and PCT stakeholders (Region 5) (5 minutes)

TAP Background Discussion- Subpart A. (Region 5) (10 minutes)

Discussion Topics

California Ride On Campaign with Tread Lightly!

The Forest Service began a pilot for motorized use education for the Lake Tahoe area in 2014 for which stakeholder meetings have been held and Ride On materials are under development. As a result of the stakeholder meetings the private partnership has grown. The Pacific Southwest Region is expanding the partnership with Tread Lightly in 2015 to region wide campaigns and will include stakeholder meetings to identify key messages, methods for messaging, and additional partnership opportunities. The project includes materials for distribution, volunteer events, educational outreach, youth engagement, and trainer training.

OSV Planning Update

The USFS will be sharing information on the progress of the NEPA for Subpart C & the OSV grooming for the Lassen NF, Plumas NF, Tahoe NF, Eldorado NF, and Stanislaus NF as a result of settlement of litigation.

- Micki Smith from Eldorado NF is in the RO on a detail for 120 days helping the Public Services Staff. She will be helping out with some of the day to day management of the Subpart C NEPA/Settlement Project.
- All forests have their Proposed Actions out and have completed scoping except for the Plumas, which anticipates release of their PA before end of September.
- Lassen NF DEIS is scheduled for release by October 31, 2015, followed by the Tahoe NF scheduled for January 2016.
- Forests are making good progress although the extreme fire situation in California and across the Western States has affected funding and staffing capacity.

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Wet Weather Trail Management Implementation

The USFS has prepared a study to establish parameters for managing trails in wet weather. The study identifies parameters for trail closure based upon the strength of the soil relative to moisture content. The U.S. Forest Service is working to develop an implementation strategy and a test scenario with the Missoula Technology Development Center and R5 Forests. In addition the Region 5 is working to publish the study for distribution.

Volunteer Resources

1. Desktop Guide for Volunteers on National Forest Lands.
2. Desktop Guide for Trail Coordinators on National Forest Lands
3. Voluntary Services Agreement
4. Job Hazard Analysis Templates

If there are items of interest you would like the USFS to discuss in future meetings that you feel would benefit the knowledge or understand of the OHV Commission, the OHV Division, interested parties, or the statewide program on Forest Service Lands please contact: United States Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region, Trails, Motorized Recreation & Travel Management Planning Lead – Garrett Villanueva at gvillanueva@fs.fed.us or 530-543-2762